

During this training period trainees usually are assigned for three to four months' periods at such places as the Boston Psychopathic Hospital; Judge Baker Foundation, Boston; Institute for Juvenile Research, Chicago; and other places of a similar nature, as well as to various child-guidance clinics located in Cleveland, Philadelphia, and other cities. Assignments to these training centers are not definite, however, and assignment to any given place will depend upon the availability of instruction at such place, as well as the special needs of the individual trainee. Assignments are not made for more than three months in advance, and adherence for the year's training period to a fixed program in advance is impossible.

These fellowships carry stipends at the rate of \$2000 to \$2500 for the twelve months' period.

Applications need not be filed within stated periods, but will be received at any time. In the case of successful applicants, arrangements will be made to begin work whenever mutually convenient to the applicant and to the director of the training center to which the applicant is first assigned.

Applications or inquiries for further information should be sent to Dr. Frankwood E. Williams, Medical Director, National Committee for Mental Hygiene, 370 Seventh Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dr. Sven Lokrantz Elected President of the American Association of School Physicians.—At the recent annual session of the American Association of School Physicians held at Fort Worth, Texas, Dr. Sven Lokrantz, whose work as medical director of the Los Angeles City Schools has attracted much attention, was elected president of the association. A few months have passed since Doctor Lokrantz was knighted by the King of Sweden in recognition of the service which he had rendered in the health conservation of school children.

MUCH IN LITTLE *

The science of medicine and the art of medicine seldom pick the same man as their favorite.

The hardest operation for any surgeon is to "cut out" unnecessary surgical procedures.

The medical herd is easier stampeded than any other of equal intelligence.

The paragon of human wisdom—a young specialist at his first consultation.

What difference is there in technic and ethics between the stabbing in the dark of the Italian Mafia and the anonymous blackballing in "exclusive medical societies"?

Professional assets in medical practice: gray hairs, gold-rimmed spectacles; also balanced clinical judgment and clinical experience.

A diagnosis which leans too strongly on the crutch of laboratory reports is bound to be a lame one.

It used to be the practice of medicine. Now it is the game of medicine.

* Members of the California, Nevada, and Utah Medical Associations are invited to contribute to this column of aphorisms, which will appear from time to time in *California and Western Medicine*, as sufficient copy accumulates. The aphorisms in this issue were sent in by Moses Scholtz, M. D., Los Angeles.

IN LIGHTER (?) VEIN

The following were the questions and answers of one of the applicants, who was applying for a license as a midwife, in an anatomy and physiology examination which was held under the auspices of the California Board of Medical Examiners at San Francisco on July 8, 1930. In justice to the applicant it is only fair to state that it was necessary to translate English questions into Italian, and in turn to translate the Italian answers into English. The questions and answers were as follows:

Q. What is the function of the skin?

A. The function of the skin is to help toward the development and the health of the body.

Q. Describe the secretion of milk. What conditions may modify this secretion?

A. The secretion of milk is very necessary for the nourishment of the new-born. It is composed of butter, salt, and sugar.

Q. What is bile? Where formed and what action has it?

A. Bile is secreted by the liver. Its action is to help the proper function in the elements of digestion.

Q. What is the lymphatic system? What function have lymph glands?

A. Lymph glands are the glands which help toward the functioning.

Q. Name the bones of the skull. What is the anterior fontanelle?

A. The bones of the skull are the two parietal, superior and posterior, the small and large fontanelle.

Q. What changes occur in the heart immediately after the birth of the child?

A. After the birth of the child the heart immediately takes on the respiration.

Q. Describe the rectum.

A. The rectum is the large intestine. It helps in the evacuation of material of the body as far as the anus.

Q. What is menstruation? What changes occur in the uterus during this period?

A. The contractions are the pains of the uterus during labor. During this period the uterus works for the expulsion of the fetus.

Q. What is the spinal cord?

A. The vertebral column is formed of vertebrae and helps to support the trunk of the human body.

Q. Describe normal blood.

A. Normal blood is of a bright red.

Q. What makes blood clot?

A. The blood clot is produced immediately after labor and after miscarriages.

Q. Name the muscles forming the anterior abdominal wall?

A. The muscles which form the anterior abdominal wall are the epigastric and abdominal regions.

SOME OPTOMETRIC TRENDS

The editorial pages of this number of *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE* comment on a recent optometric clinic which was held at Los Angeles. It was stated (see p. 896) that some side-lights on the matters there discussed would be printed in this column. The following items are taken from *The Optometric Weekly* of November 13, 1930, and are printed for such information they may give to readers of *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE* who are interested in these matters.

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From an article captioned "Prepare for the National Educational Program":

"The two things I have in mind are: First, to see you, as an optometrist, personally rise to a place where your financial standing and worth to your community will be equal or above that of any other citizen in it. Second, to see the profession of optometry recognized by and given a place along with the other leading professions.